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### At ACHS

# Eleven students named as '82 honor graduates

The faculty and administration of Appomattox County High School cordially invite the community to the Baccalaureate and Commencement Exercises for the graduating class of 1982.

Baccalaureate services will be held on Sunday evening, June 6, 1982, at 8:00 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium. The speaker for the evening will be Rev. P. Edward Leonard, Jr., minister of Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox. Invocation and benediction will be given by Rev. Harrison Kelso and Scripture and remarks by Diane Franklin, class president. The chorale, under the direction of Mr. Steve Lawrence, will sing.

Commencement Exercises will be held at the Appomattox County Middle School Stadium on Friday evening, June 11,1982, at 8:00 p.m. Invocation will be given by Erma Austin, vice-president of the class, and welcome by Diane Franklin, class president. Stella Otway Osborne, Valedictorian, and Kimberly Regina Carter, Salutatorian will speak. The Commencement Address will be given by Mr. Richard B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education, Appomattox County Public Schools. Class Song, Awarding of Diplomas by Principal Donald Armentrout, Mr. John McLean and Mr. Henry Battle, and the Benediction by Rev. Harrison Kelso. The Processional, National Anthem, and Recessional will be played by the Appomattox County High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey.

In case of inclement weather, the Commencement Exercises will be held in the Appomattox County High School Gymnasium.

Honor graduates were announced this week by Principal Donald L. Armentrout. Students qualifying for this honor are commended by the school and community for achieving academic excellence. A brief biography of each follows:

**Stella Otway Osborne**, Valedictorian of the class of 1982, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Osborne of Route 2, Appomattox. She is a member of the National Honor Society, assistant editor of the school newspaper, president of the Spanish Club, was president of th freshman class and was a member of the Art Club. An essay, "What American Means To Me," won first place in the 1981 Ruritan Essay Contest. Her poems have won regional and state awards. Stella is a member of New Hope Baptist Church Choir. She will attend Lynchburg College next fall and major in English/Journalism. Having demonstrated superior scholastic ability and ranking at the top of her class, Stella is the 1982-83 recipient of the Greater Lynchburg Area Honor Scholarship to Lynchburg College. Her ultimate goal is to be a critic writer.

**Kimberly Regina Carter**, Salutatorian of the graduating class, is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret Carter and the late Edwin H. Carter of Route 1, Spout Spring. Kim is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, and Varsity Softball Team. Membership has also been in the Latin Club and Future Homemakers of America. She is the recipient of the 1982 Achievement Academy Business Education Award. Kim is a member of Spout Spring Baptist Church. Central Virginia Community College is Kim's college choice for next fall. She will major in computer science. Her career goal is to be a computer programmer.

Other honor graduates are listed below:

**Robert Bruce Sanders** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Sanders of Pamplin, Virginia. Bruce has participated in many clubs throughout his high school years, including the National Honor Society, Treasurer and Chaplain of the Future Farmers of America, Latin Club, president of the Drama Club, and basketball 8. Most outstanding have been Bruce's accomplishments in band. He is vice-president of the Band, has been a member of the Pep Band throughout high school and the Jazz Band in his junior and senior year. His instrument is the saxaphone. Bruce was nominated by the faculty for the 1981 Governor's School for the Gifted. He is the recipient of the Lisa Rogers Memorial Scholarship for outstanding interest in music and dramatic activities. He is a member of Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church. Bruce will attend Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.

**Robert Collins Hubbard, III**, is the son of Mrs. Mildred P. Hubbard and the late William Hubbard, Court Street, Appomattox. He has been very active in extracurricular activities; namely a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, Varsity Club and vice-president of grade eight. He participated in the 1981 Hopwood Summer Scholarship Program at Lynchburg College. Outstanding are Robert's achievements in Varsity Tennis. In 1981, he won first place in Hardee's Singles and Doubles Matches in Altavista. He currently is Seminole District Tennis Singles Champion, Region III runner-up in Singles and Seminole District runner-up in Doubles. Robert is a member of Liberty Baptist Church and the Expressions of Love Choir. In the fall he will matriculate at the University of Virginia as a pre-dental student. His career goal is to be a dentist.

**Connie Frances Tolley** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Tolley of Appomattox. She represented the school as a delegate to Girls State 1981 at Longwood College. Connie is vice-president of the National Honor Society, a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, Latin Club, Future Homemakers of America, Student Council representative, Newspaper Club, stage manager of Senior Class Play and member of the Community 4-H Club. She has received a scholarship from the American Business Women's Association for academic achievements

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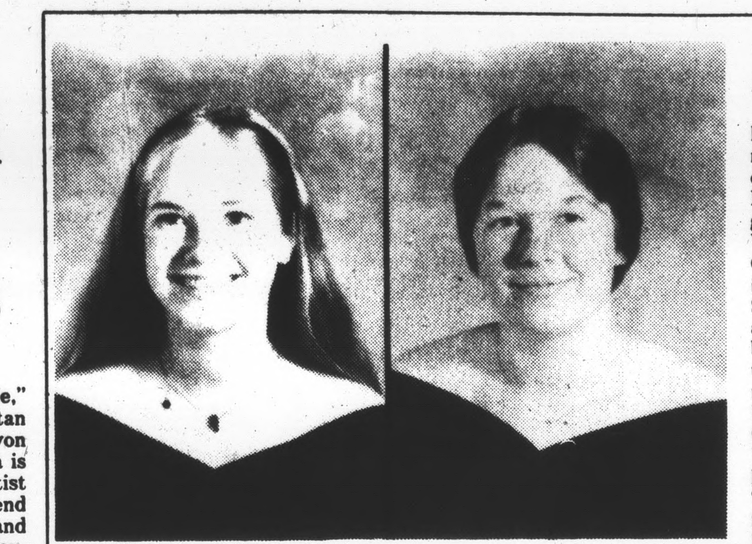
## Honor Grads



PRINCIPAL DONALD L. Armentrout announced this week the names of seniors at Appomattox County High School who are honor graduates of the Class of 1982. Valedictorian is Stella Otway Osborne [far left] and Salutatorian is Kimberly Regina Carter [left]. Students shown below have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0 during their high school careers. Front row, from left, are Angela Ruth Murray, Jane Haywood Guill, Connie Frances Tolley, Diane Yvonne Franklin, back row, from left are Robert Collins Hubbard, III, Thomas Andrew Gilliam, Michael Scott Richardson, Donald Kevin Moore, and Robert Bruce Sanders.

APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED Memorial Day services honoring our war dead at the Appomattox County War Memorial Sunday afternoon. The Appomattox County High School band, under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey provided music for the event. A fine topical speech was delivered by the Rev. Forrest S. Waggoner, retired minister, United Methodist Church. Dennis E. Gragg, post commander of American Legion Post 104, and Mrs. Ivey Holland, president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 104, placed a wreath at the foot of the memorial. The services were arranged and sponsored by American Legion Post 104, Appomattox.

### For Appomattox Extension Work

# *Walton named to PKP at Tech*

By Frances H. Paulette

Shirley Walton, Appomattox County Home Economist, was initiated into the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Virginia Tech on May 25.

The former Shirley Williams of Pittsylvania County, she is a graduate of Dan River High School and Radford University and is presently doing graduate work at VPI/SU.

Walton taught Home Economics at Chatham High School before moving to Appomattox County in 1973 when her husband, Lloyd Walton, a native of this county, accepted the position of Superintendent of the Appomattox County School Division.

The primary objective of Phi Kappa Phi is the recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all fields of study. The Society elects to membership juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are the highest ranking individuals scholastically in their class. To be considered for membership, juniors must be in the upper five percent of their class, seniors must be in the upper ten percent of their class and graduate students must be in the upper ten percent of those who are candidates for graduate degrees.

Born and reared on a bright tobacco farm, the older of two children, Shirley was, in her own words, "My Daddy's boy,"

"I always loved helping on the farm and especially operating the farm machinery," commented Shirley.

Shirley gives credit to her youth on the farm for the formation of good work habits and a willingness to serve.

"I feel that my work here in Appomattox County as an extension agent is an opportunity to serve people daily," commented Walton.

"I serve through Extension Homemaker programs and activities; through 4-H in-school clubs, workshops and activities; through community organizations; through individual contacts; through classes and workshops and through being available to the citizens of Appomattox County by telephone, home visits and office visits," she continued.

Always 'Johnny-On-The-Spot' when it was 'getting up hay' time, Shirley vividly remembers one afternoon's work.

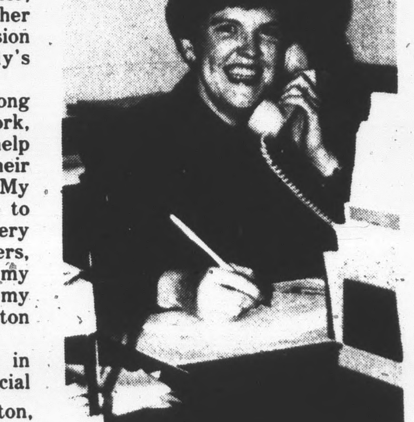
"We were all busy getting in the unusually large crop of hay, my father, the hired boys, and of course I was there driving the tractor while the boys loaded the hay. Suddenly we noticed a dark, threatening cloud in the direction that usually meant 'rain and lots of it'. I was beginning to get a bit apprehensive; the cloud was getting darker by the minute and the boys, it seemed, were getting slower by the minute. Finally, my patience was gone, jumping from the tractor, I said, 'One of you do the driving and let me show you fellows just how to hump hay,' and I began to load hay. We made it before the rains came," she said with a laugh.

Walton, always a hard worker, feels she has accompolished her goals in the program of extension work because of her family's support.

"In Extension work we work long hours, and have much night work, but it is all pleasure because we help individuals and clubs meet their personal and group goals. My husband has always been there to help and support me in every activity and my two daughters, Chryl and Laura have been my assistants since the beginning of my work in Extension Service," Walton said.

"Being an Extension Agent in Appomattox County has special meaning for me," said Walton, "because of returning to this county where my husband is a native. It is also very rewarding to me because I have an opportunity to serve daily in helping people help themselves. I consider the home and church to be the foundation of a stable society and Extension work provides me the opportunity to give leadership to the building of strong homes and the molding of individuals of exemplary character."

"The work here in Appomattox County is staff effort. Our Extension staff is respected throughout the District and State because of the rich heritage and leadership example of Mr. Jim Smith, our unit chairman; Mrs. Ella Anderson, the first Extension home economist in the county and the late Mr. R. B. Hudgins and others who have given of themselves to help build Extension in the county. One of my favorite daily mottos is, 'People must feel good about themselves before they can feel good about others.' I try to live by this statement because daily I strive to help people feel good about themselves and in turn feel good about other people," she concluded.



SHIRLEY W. WALTON

# Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

With Memorial Day weekend behind us, next holiday is July 4 and I note that comes on a Sunday this year. Which means a long weekend. I attended a Legion sponsored Memorial program at our courthouse square Sunday afternoon. The Rev. F. S. Wagoner was speaker and the local high school band performed. Keith Leonard played "Taps." On the highways appeals for safely helped keep accidents at a minimum.

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A verse of No. 88 (Bring Them In) for Mrs. Betty Ruth Scruggs, of Vera, who came by to bring us eighteen fourleaf and two fiveleaf clovers. No way we can lose now, if such items truly bring good luck. Thanks. This seems to be a big year for clovers but nearly all are the regular three leafers.

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And thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Sam Martin for a copy of the Webster Springs, W. Va. ECHO, an outstanding newspaper. All about the 18th annual Webster County Woodchopping Festival, a big civic event running May 20-31 and featuring everything from a big parade, plenty of food to square dancing, mud wrestling, woodchopping contests for all age groups, contests and a grand woodchoppers' Ball.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Vergil Hudson, formerly of Evergreen, have been visiting in Appomattox and are always welcome. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell. Thanks for paying Martha Street a visit.

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A letter from William E. Nichols, Point of Rocks, Maryland, has some good words to say about this column and offers to send a copy of his local newspaper. Please do.

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My native Norfolk is observing its 300th birthday this year, with a wide variety of events. What's for the annual Railroad Festival in Appomattox?

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The end of the school session is nearing and the green light you see is for all the activities clustered under the memorable June Days. Hardly a home not touched in some way by the milestones of the learning process. Wish you the best.

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Richard Ferguson, of Appomattox won the 10,000 meter race in the fifth annual Altavista YMCA Uncle Billy's Day races Saturday. It was his fourth win; his time 32 minutes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ferguson.

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Strawberry time. Saw a whole family picking strawberries Saturday. I found several wild ones in my yard. As a salute I ate a pint of store bought strawberry ice cream.

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My garden is doing all right and that means yours must be super, for on a scale of one to ten, my garden would get a two. Ah yes, and one magnolia bloom, away up in the tree.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

# School Board to meet

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session on Wednesday, June 9, 1982, at 3:30 p.m. in the School Board Office.

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